



PUFFINUS ASSIMILIS: *Gould.*

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Allied Petrel.

Puffinus assimilis, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part V. p. 156.—Ib. in Ann. and Mag. of Nat. Hist., vol. xiii. p. 366.
——— *Australis*, Eyton.

ALL the specimens of this species that I have seen were procured on Norfolk Island, where it is said to breed; consequently the seas washing the eastern shores of Australia may be considered its native habitat; it is evidently the representative of the *Puffinus obscurus* of Europe, which it so much resembles, and to which it is so nearly allied, that *assimilis* appeared to me to be the most appropriate specific appellation I could apply to it. On my homeward voyage I saw numerous examples flying off the north-eastern end of New Zealand, and this I regret to say is all the information I have to communicate respecting it.

Crown of the head, all the upper surface, wings and tail sooty black; sides of the face, throat and all the under surface white; bill dark horn-colour; tarsi and toes greenish yellow; webs yellowish orange.

The figure is of the natural size.